

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated January 03, 2006, has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. Prior to this paper, claims 1-22 were pending in the application. By this paper, without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants cancel claims 2, 14, and 21, and amend various claims to place the claims into condition for allowance by variously incorporating recitations of these claims (indicated as containing allowable subject matter) therein.<sup>1</sup> Applicants do not add any claims. Therefore, claims 1, 3-13, 15-20 and 22 are now pending.

Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, among other places, in the claims as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

**Indication of Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank Examiner Ali for the indication that claims 2-8, 11, 12, 14-18, 21 and 22 contain allowable subject matter. As may be seen above, Applicants have placed the claim set into condition for allowance by amending the independent claims to recite the recitations of some of these claims (with the exception of claim 19, as detailed above).

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1, 9, 10, 13, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kolmanovsky (United States Patent No. 6,553,949). In response, in order to advance prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants have made the above

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<sup>1</sup> The amendments to claim 19 entail, at least in part, incorporating much of the language of claim 2 into claim 19, except modifying the incorporated language to utilize means-plus-function language, thus distinguishing the language under 35. U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, from the language of claim 2..

amendments to independent claims 1, 13, 19 and 20 to recite the recitations of claims indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of these claims is now moot in view of the above amendments.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Ali invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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